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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF MIN AG ZAKI TO US

1. DURING MIN AG ZAKI'S LUNCHEON FOR VISITING AMBASSADOR EDWIN MARTIN ARUGUT 15, ZAKI MENTIONED HIS PLANS TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA ON OFFICIAL MISSION LATTER PART OF SEPTEMBER. MINSUPPLY MAGHRABI, WHO ALSO PRESENT, URGED ZAKI TO STOP OFF IN US EITHER ENROUTE TO OR BACK FROM AUSTRALIA. ALTHOUGH ZAKI WAS NON-COMMITTAL, I GAINED DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO SO. HE SUBSEQUENTLY INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT RAISE MATTER WITH DEPPRIMIN HEGAZI.

2. I RECOMMEND THAT WE ENCOURAGE ZAKI TO DO SO IN CONTEXT OF OUR OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING CLOSER HIGH LEVEL GOE-USGOVT CONTACTS. HE WOULD DOUBTLESS APPRECIATE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FROM SECRETARY BUTZ, WHICH, IF IT WERE CONVENIENT FOR THE SECRETARY, WOULD HAVE A VERY POSITIVE IMPACT HEGE. THE OCCASION MIGHT BE USED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USG AND GOE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. SUCH TALKS MIGHT BE PART OF ACTIVITIES OF JWG ON COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE.

3. IF ABOVE SUGGESTION COMMENDS ITSELF TO DEPT AND DEPT OF AGRICULTURE, RECOMMEND I BE AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ZAKI TO VISIT THE US AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME.

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